

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of June 23, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-34 remain in this application. Claims 1, 11, 12, 20, 23, 24, 29 and 34 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 11, 12, 20, 23 and 34 have been amended to correct minor errors and further clarify the subject matter Applicants regard as their invention. The basis for these amendments can be found in the specification and drawings as originally filed.

Claims 20 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,507,351 to Bixler (Bixler). Applicants respectfully traverse.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 20, 23 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. Claims 20, 23 and 34 have been amended to more particularly define the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejections

Claims 1-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,507,351 to Bixler (Bixler). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Bixler discloses a software utility program that creates a database of display information, and in a screen saver mode, displays the selected information contained in the database. (Abstract). The software utility program of Bixler may display information "compiled by conventional utility programs" (col. 5, line 63); however, the software utility program of Bixler does not execute the conventional utility programs to display information during screen saver mode. For example, Bixler discloses that conventional email utility programs may compile

data/information for display by the screen saver utility program. (*See*, col. 6, lines 1-4). "This information is stored in the external email, appointment and task programs and is accessed for display in the pre-selected sequence, as defined in the program set-up module [of the screen saver program]." (col. 10, lines 43-46). If an input is received during the screen saver mode, the "screen saver program is deactivated. This is followed by step 537 where the utility program is activated." (col. 10, lines 53-54). Bixler clearly teaches that the screen saver utility program displays the screen saver screens, rather than other utility programs, which may be activated when the screen saver program is deactivated. Thus, Bixler does not disclose, teach or suggest a screen saver program that executes other applications to generate the screen saver views, which are fully functional programs in a full application mode and that are less than fully functional in a screen saver mode.

In contrast, independent claim 1 as amended recites, in part, the following:

1. An apparatus for displaying screen saver views managed by a screen saver program and generated by a computer application operating in a screen saver mode, the apparatus comprising:
a storage medium; and
a processor coupled to the storage medium that performs the following steps:

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(c) ... starting a screen saver program; and

(d) executing an application in a screen saver mode based on instructions from the screen saver program, the application being a program that is fully functional in a full application mode and that is less than fully functional in a screen saver mode, the application creating images for presentation on a display screen in the screen saver mode.

Independent claim 14 recites in part the following:

14. A wireless communication device, comprising:

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at least one application stored in the memory having at least one handle executing the at least one application in a screen saver mode when the at least one handle is selected, the at least one application creating images for presentation on the display screen in the screen saver mode; and

a screen saver program stored in the memory that, during operation of the screen saver program, selects the at least one application handle.

Independent claim 24, as amended, recites the following:

24. A method of creating screen saver displays on a display device, the device having a display screen, a storage medium, a screen saver computer program stored in the storage medium, a screen saver carousel stored in the storage medium, and an application stored in the storage medium that is fully functional in a full application mode and less than fully functional in a screen saver mode, the method comprising the steps of:

adding an application handle to execute the application in the screen saver mode to the screen saver carousel;

starting the screen saver program in response to exceeding a timeout period of inactivity; and

selecting the application handle via the screen saver program to execute the application in the screen saver mode.

Independent claims 29 and 34 include similar features to claims 1, 14 and 24. Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 14, 24, 29 and 34 are not anticipated by Bixler. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 2-13, 15-23, 25-28 and 30-33 are not anticipated by Bixler, at least because they each ultimately depend from a respective one of the above-listed independent claims, and further in view of the novel features recited therein.

Conclusion


Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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